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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). A lamp comprising a base, a shade and a coupler between the base and the shade removably securing the shade to the base wherein the base includes a neck and the shade includes a lip adapted to sit in the neck, the coupler having a head portion for seating within the shade and a cup unitary with the head portion, the including a cup being situated within the shade but extending through the lip and into the neck.

Claim 3 (original): The lamp of claim 2 wherein the base defines a threaded bore and the coupler includes a threaded screw for threadingly securing the coupler to the base.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The lamp of claim 2 wherein the cup of the coupler includes a circumferential cylindrical wall defining a cavity adapted to receive a candle.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The lamp of claim 4 wherein a ring surrounds the wall defining the cavity.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A coupler adapted to removably secure a hollow lamp shade to a lamp base, the coupler including a head portion for seating within the lamp shade and a cup adapted to extend between the shade and the base, the cup being unitary with the head portion and including an outwardly extending threaded screw for threadedly securing the coupler to the base.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The coupler of claim 6 wherein the head portion includes a ring unitary with the cup and adapted to abut against the interior of the shade.

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Claim 8 (previously presented): The coupler of claim 6 wherein the cup defines a cavity adapted to receive a candle.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented): A lamp comprising:
a base including a neck defining an interior cavity;
a shade seated over the neck and including a lower circumferential lip defining an opening in the shade; and
a ring seated against the interior of the lip and including a cup extending through the opening defined in the shade and into the cavity defined in the neck, the cup being releasably secured to the base for releasably securing the shade to the base; and wherein the base defines a threaded bore and the cup includes a screw threadingly releasably secured in the bore.

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (previously presented): The lamp of claim 10 wherein the cup is adapted to receive a candle and the ring surrounds a top circumferential edge of the cup.